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Energy Sector

1. *July 16, Associated Press; Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Inspections at Harlan mine were lax.** A published report said State investigators found few problems at a Harlan County, Kentucky mine where federal investigators found enough violations during a surprise safety blitz in May to shut the facility down for 9 days. After the federal blitz, the State did a surprise inspection and found 37 violations. According to records obtained through the Kentucky Open Records Act, officials found more violations during that one inspection than they did in five earlier inspections in 2012, and in about 24 inspections in 2010 and 2011. The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing director said previous inspections should have been more vigorous.
Source: http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Report_Inspections_at_Harlan_mine_were_lax_162558466.html
2. *July 16, Wired* – (International) **Oil companies spring a leak, courtesy of Anonymous.** Five top multinational oil companies have been targeted by members of Anonymous, who published about 1,000 email addresses for accounts belonging to the firms, as well as hashed and unencrypted passwords, Wired reported July 16. The hacks, against Shell, Exxon, BP, and two Russian firms — Gazprom and Rosneft, were conducted as digital protests against drilling in the Arctic, a practice critics say has contributed to the melting of the ice caps. The hackers used some of the stolen credentials to add signatures to Greenpeace’s “Save the Arctic” petition. The latest disclosure follows an earlier one in June in which credentials for Exxon were released. The hackers said then that they obtained the credentials not through a vulnerability in Exxon’s network, “but just because of the mistake of their webmaster!”, suggesting an administrator misconfigured something related to the Web site. The hackers noted in their post that they are not associated with Greenpeace, they just support its cause.
Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/07/oil-companies-hacked/>

3. *July 15, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Overheating transformer causes electrical problems, evacuations in Fort Lee.** An overheating underground transformer caused a number of electrical problems July 15 and led police to evacuate several businesses in Fort Lee, New Jersey. The malfunctioning transformer affected traffic lights and power downtown, a lieutenant with the Fort Lee Police Department said. An underground transformer blew in the same area 3 weeks ago, police told the Hackensack Record. The explosion caused evacuations, elevated carbon monoxide levels, and a power outage in one high-rise.
Source: http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2012/07/overheating_transformer_causes_electrical_problems_evacuations_in_fort_lee.html
4. *July 13, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Gas wells hit by vandals.** Authorities in northwest New Mexico said vandals targeting natural gas wells have caused tens of thousands of dollars in damage, the Associated Press reported July 13. A San Juan County sheriff's detective said that at least seven wells have been vandalized in the past 6 weeks north of Aztec. The companies that own the wells replaced them because they were beyond repair. The companies also are on the hook for environmental damage after some of the wells were riddled with bullets and leaked fluid. The detective said cleanup costs in some cases hit \$50,000.
Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/crime/gas-wells-hit-by-vandals>
5. *July 13, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Lights on, PG&E crews examine cause.** Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) crews were trying to figure out what caused two large power outages in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury neighborhood in the span of 12 hours July 12 and 13. More than 10,000 customers in the area were without power, officials said. Just a few hours later, 7,000 residents of the neighborhood lost power for a second time, said a spokeswoman for the utility. Crews spent the weekend of July 14 examining the power lines. Preliminary investigations were done before the power was turned back on but showed no obvious causes for the outages.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/7-000-without-power-in-San-Francisco-3705149.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *July 14, Midland Daily News* – (Michigan) **Nine Midland properties eligible for dioxin cleanup.** Nine properties in Midland, Michigan, are eligible for soil replacement after they tested above 250 parts per trillion of dioxin in the first round of sampling by The Dow Chemical Co., the Midland Daily News reported July 14. A Dow spokeswoman said 106 properties were offered sampling and 97 had the work done. The project is part of an agreement between Dow and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to address pollution issues caused by past incineration practices.

Dioxins are toxic chemical byproducts. Dow agreed to conduct sampling at as many as 1,500 residential properties in Midland to determine if cleanup is necessary. The cleanup involves removal and replacement of 12 inches of soil, if homeowners agree to the work. The spokeswoman said Dow was notifying property owners whose homes fell below the action level. With all of the original 2012 sampling completed, Dow plans to move the schedule ahead by requesting residents' permission to test another 50 properties in 2012, rather than waiting until 2013. The new testing locations will be generally adjacent to the 2012 area. If homeowners agree to sampling, that work could begin in the first part of August.

Source: http://www.ourmidland.com/news/article_ae1a070e-cdb7-11e1-a306-0019bb2963f4.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *July 13, NBC News* – (International) **Indictment: 2 tried to send U.S. materials to Iran for nuclear program.** A federal grand jury indicted two men, one from Iran and the other from China, on charges of conspiring to send materials from the United States to Iran for the purpose of enriching uranium, the U.S. Justice Department said July 13. Using a Chinese company as a go-between to avoid trade sanctions, the men tried for 3 years to obtain U.S. materials, such as high-strength steel, that could be used in an Iranian nuclear program, the department said. The Iranian citizen was arrested in May in the Philippines, while the other man remains at large, the department said. The two men succeeded in illegally exporting lathes and nickel-alloy wire from the United States to China and then to Iran around June 2009, according to the indictment. The Iranian man allegedly also began talking with an undercover U.S. federal agent in 2009, including in emails in which he tried to acquire radioactive source material. The emails continued into 2011, the indictment said.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/07/13/12727005-indictment-2-tried-to-send-us-materials-to-iran-for-nuclear-program?lite>

8. *July 13, Huntsville Times* – (Alabama) **Browns Ferry nuclear plant had a control room fire in January, regulators took months to notify public.** Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Browns Ferry nuclear plant near Athens, Alabama, had a fire in one its control rooms in January, but public notice of the event was not issued until the week of July 9, the Huntsville Times reported. The roughly 10-minute fire in the Unit 3 control room was caused by an electrical component determined to be four times older than its recommended shelf life, according to a TVA incident report. TVA's report was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) March 26. An NRC spokesman said he had no explanation why the report was not made public by the NRC until July 9. An NRC inspector at the plant responded to the control room shortly after the fire but there were conflicting versions of what occurred, the NRC spokesman said. "He was told there was no fire, no damage to any adjacent equipment," he said. When TVA issued the report in March it was the first time the NRC "heard there was an

actual fire”. The NRC was still reviewing the incident, but a “disposition” was expected by late August. A TVA spokesman said no plant operations were affected by the fire.
Source: http://blog.al.com/breaking/2012/07/browns_ferry_nuclear_plant_had.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *July 16, CNN* – (National) **More problems for F-22 beyond mysterious oxygen loss issue.** July 16, CNN reported that two recent in-flight emergencies involving troubled oxygen systems in the F-22 “Raptor” are unrelated to other breathing problems pilots experienced for more than a year when flying the plane, according to U.S. Air Force officials. The Air Force is investigating why a number of F-22 pilots experienced a mysterious loss of oxygen while in the air, causing dizziness and confusion known as hypoxia, since spring 2011. However, two recent incidents related to the oxygen system are considered regular mechanical issues not connected to the oxygen deprivation investigation, according to a spokesman for the Air Force’s Air Combat Command. Air Force officials labeled the number of unexplained F-22 breathing incidents as “cause unknown,” while labeling the two recent incidents as “cause known.” In a response to a CNN inquiry, the spokesman sent information on what Air Force initial investigations found in the two recent incidents. He said the mechanical issues were “not specific to the F-22 aircraft.” One of the incidents, an oxygen system malfunction July 6, is still under investigation by the Air Force and the plane remains grounded, according to the Air Force information provided by the spokesman, but the incident is still listed as a “cause known” problem.

Source: <http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/07/16/more-problems-for-f-22-beyond-mysterious-oxygen-loss-issue/>

10. *July 15, Portsmouth Herald* – (Maine) **NCIS offers reward for shipyard fire information.** July 15, the Portsmouth Herald reported that a \$5,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to an arrest in connection with a fire at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, in June, according to WMUR 9 Manchester. The station reported the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is offering the reward for information that leads to an arrest in connection with the June 16 fire in the dry dock where the USS Miami submarine is located. The June fire was not related to a fire aboard the submarine in May, which caused an estimated \$400 million in damage. That fire was reportedly caused when a vacuum cleaner sucked up hot material. The small June 16 fire was quickly extinguished. The NCIS, according to WMUR, said it also is seeking data about a fire alarm activated in the same area June 19.

Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20120715-NEWS-207150340>

Banking and Finance Sector

11. *July 15, Associated Press* – (National) **‘Bucket List Bandit’ robs 4th bank.** A man dubbed the “Bucket List Bandit” who robbed a bank in Roy, Utah, the week of July 9 used the same operating procedure at three other banks in Idaho, Colorado, and Arizona in June, the Roy police chief said. The man walked into a Wells Fargo branch July 6 and had a note ordering the teller not to mess with him and to hand over a specific amount of money. The note also said he had just 4 months to live. The police chief said the man was wearing identical clothing in all four robberies. The same man was also suspected of robbing the Ireland Bank in Pocatello just a few hours before the Wells Fargo Bank in Roy. He was also suspected of robbing banks in Arvada, Colorado, June 21 and Flagstaff, Arizona, June 26.
Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/765590070/Bucket-List-Bandit-robs-4th-bank.html>
12. *July 13, Associated Press* – (Michigan; National) **Feds: Fraud totals nearly \$300K at Comerica ATMs.** Criminals have stolen nearly \$300,000 by installing high-tech gadgets on Comerica Bank ATMs in the Detroit area and gleaning personal information off customer cards, federal authorities said July 13. The details were disclosed in a criminal complaint filed against a Detroit man who was caught on surveillance video and admitted he installed and removed so-called skimmers at Comerica ATMs, the U.S. Secret Service said. Counterfeit cards were made with the information and then used for cash withdrawals, the Secret Service said. The Detroit-area fraud began in April but has popped up elsewhere in the country.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Feds-Fraud-totals-nearly-300K-at-Comerica-ATMs-3705391.php>
13. *July 13, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (National) **‘Bad hair bandit’ faces 21 bank robbery charges.** A registered nurse suspected in a string of multi-State bank robberies in 2011 was arraigned on 21 counts of robbery in a Sacramento, California federal court July 13. The woman, described by prosecutors as a transient from Washington and Idaho, was caught on Interstate 80 minutes after a bank hold-up in Auburn, California, in August 2011. Law enforcement dubbed the suspect the “bad hair bandit” because of different wigs and disguises worn during the robberies. Besides the Bank of the West in Auburn, she is accused to robbing banks in Sacramento and Davis as well as in Oregon, Washington, and Montana.
Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/article/200935/2/Bad-hair-bandit-faces-21-bank-robbery-charges>
14. *July 13, WTMJ 4 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **‘Ball Cap Bandit’, another person arrested for Germantown bank robbery.** Police in Germantown, Wisconsin, arrested a man July 13 suspected of robbing at least nine banks in southeast Wisconsin since April. The “Ball Cap Bandit” and another person were taken into custody. The two allegedly were involved in a robbery at a U.S. Bank branch that day and their vehicle

was identified by a sheriff's deputy later the same day.

Source: <http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/162371156.html>

15. *July 13, New Haven Independent* – (Connecticut) **2 more plead guilty in \$10M mortgage scam.** A second lawyer pleaded guilty in connection with a New Haven, Connecticut mortgage fraud ring involving more than \$10 million, the New Haven Independent reported July 13. The lawyer pleaded guilty July 12 to charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud, and bank fraud. His plea came two days after an admission of guilt by another lawyer to the same charges. The fraudsters allegedly swindled lenders by falsely inflating the price of homes with phony appraisals to get inflated mortgages, buying homes for the real (as opposed to inflated) price, and then pocketing the difference. The participants would then walk away from the properties, letting them fall into foreclosure.

Source:

http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/2_plead_guilty_in_10_m_mortgage_scam/

16. *July 13, New York Times* – (Iowa) **Futures executive is arrested after admitting fraud.** The chief executive of the futures brokerage Peregrine Financial Group was arrested in Cedar Falls, Iowa, July 13 after confessing to embezzling from clients and defrauding banks over nearly 2 decades. He admitted that he stole more than \$100 million from his customers, prosecutors said. The formal charges, brought by federal prosecutors in Iowa, accuse him of lying to government regulators. The chief executive had tried to kill himself, and the criminal complaint contained lengthy excerpts from a suicide note and statement that detailed his crimes. A prosecutor said the executive could face additional charges. In his note, the executive laid out how for nearly 20 years, he had forged false account statements from U.S. Bank to embezzle millions of dollars from his customers at Peregrine, which also did business as PFGBest. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission previously filed civil fraud charges against Peregrine and effectively shut the firm.

Source: <http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2012/07/13/futures-executive-confesses-to-stealing-millions-from-customers/>

17. *July 12, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (California; Washington) **Four charged in \$11 million loan origination scheme, Ramona real estate agent and Seattle businessman enter guilty pleas.** An unlicensed loan broker was arrested July 12 in Las Vegas, and an indictment charged her, a Ramona, California real estate agent, and the loan broker's assistant with devising and executing a \$11 million mortgage loan origination fraud and kickback scheme in California and Washington. Straw buyers were used to obtain mortgages with 100 percent financing to avoid making any down payments. The three individuals falsified mortgage applications to obtain the loans, and then convinced sellers to inflate the purchase price of the properties by about \$100,000, allegedly to be used for improvements. The defendants pocketed the money and allowed nearly all 16 properties to fall into foreclosure. As a result of the foreclosures and defaults caused by the defendants' failure to make the mortgage payments they promised, the defrauded lenders suffered losses of approximately \$5 million.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/sandiego/press-releases/2012/four-charged-in-11-million->

Transportation Sector

18. *July 16, Associated Press* – (National) **FAA proposes fining Boeing \$13.5 million.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) July 13 proposed fining Boeing \$13.5 million for failing to meet a deadline to provide airlines with instructions on how to prevent fuel tank explosions like the one that destroyed TWA Flight 800 off the coast of Long Island, New York in 1996, killing all 230 people on board. Boeing put the nitrogen generating systems the FAA wants on all planes it has built since August 2010. And since June 2008, the systems have gone on every 737. The nitrogen makes it harder for volatile gases to ignite. The FAA's penalty involves older 747s as well as the 757, which Boeing no longer makes. Both planes are flown by Delta, United, and Continental. The 757 is also flown by American Airlines and US Airways. In total, 383 U.S.-registered planes are affected by these delays, the FAA said. U.S. airlines, through the trade group Airlines for America, have asked the FAA to extend the deadlines for retrofitting their fleets, which fall in 2014 and 2017. The FAA said July 13 it would not issue a blanket extension but would consider extension requests by individual airlines for the 2014 deadline when they must retrofit half their fleets. The fine underscores the difficulty the agency has had prodding industry to comply with important safety regulations that can be complex or expensive to implement.
Source: http://www.emissourian.com/news/state/article_cc66c41e-cf4b-11e1-aed1-0019bb2963f4.html
19. *July 16, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Sterling Highway closed after officer shoots fleeing suspect.** A shootout between a driver and Alaska State Troopers July 15 on the Sterling Highway left a woman with a gunshot wound to her torso and led to the closure of the highway for hours, troopers said. The Sterling Highway was closed to traffic in both directions for approximately 6 hours. Because of the ongoing scene investigation July 16, very little traffic was being allowed through, troopers said. The driver was taken to a hospital in Homer for treatment, troopers said. The incident was at least the eighth shooting involving police agencies around the State in 2012.
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2012/07/15/2543509/unspecified-incident-closes-sterling.html>
20. *July 16, KNSD 7 San Diego* – (California) **Jackknifed truck spills sulfuric acid.** A truck driver lost control at Miramar Road and Carroll Road in San Diego, July 16 closing down several streets and leaking approximately 30 gallons of diesel fuel and sulfuric acid on the street, according to San Diego Fire HAZMAT. The driver behind the wheel of a truck carrying 150 pounds of Flammable 3 and sulfuric acid lost control just west of the Miramar golf course and north of Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, California. When the driver tried to correct the vehicle, the double trailers started swinging back and forth and ultimately tipped over, police said. When the truck was turned upright, about 4 hours later, the hazardous acid was spilled. HAZMAT crews

quickly got the spill under control.

Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Miramar-Truck-Diesel-Spill-Hazmat-San-Diego--162574996.html>

21. *July 16, Associated Press* – (National) **A year after floods, shippers face low Miss. River.** A year after the Mississippi River swelled to near-historic proportions and flooded farms and homes from Illinois to Louisiana, the level along the waterway's southern half is so low that cargo barges have run aground and their operators have been forced to lighten their loads, the Associated Press reported July 16. A major concern at Greenville, Mississippi, and other ports is that the entrance to the river could get too shallow. If that happens, barges could be forced to carry lighter loads to make it to the channel. Wide, sandy strips of shoreline usually invisible even in the low season are now exposed, shrinking the river's width and affecting the way tow captains navigate. With the river this low, the channels are shallower and narrower, presenting problems for barges loaded with coal, grain, iron, steel, sand, gravel, and more. They must reduce their loads to avoid bottoming out and take extra care not to collide when passing another string of barges in the thinner channel. Also, low water at docks and terminals makes it more difficult to load or unload material, as ships have trouble getting close enough to docks.
Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/07/16/2941450/a-year-after-floods-shippers-face.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *July 13, WSLs 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Ruptured can causes scare at Danville post office.** A U.S. Post Office was evacuated in Danville, Virginia, for more than 2 hours July 13 after an odor caused two workers to have difficulty breathing and a burning sensation in their eyes. A canned chemical commonly found in the post office and used by workers either ruptured or discharged inadvertently, said the Danville Assistant Fire Chief. The contents of the can — which are similar to pepper spray — were what caused post office personnel to experience burning eyes and problems breathing. Four post office workers complained of issues. After the investigation was complete and fire, police and hazardous materials personnel cleared the scene, post office workers were allowed to return inside the building and continue normal operations.
Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2012/jul/13/hazardous-material-response-unit-scene-post-office-ar-2054766/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *July 16, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Quail International for 23 violations at Greensboro, Ga., plant; proposed fines**

total more than \$92,000. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Quail International Inc. with 23 safety and health violations at the company's Greensboro, Georgia plant following an inspection that was initiated in January based on a complaint. Proposed penalties total \$92,115, the U.S. Department of Labor reported July 16. Citations with \$68,715 in penalties were issued for 16 serious safety violations. Citations with \$23,400 in penalties were issued for four serious health violations. Citations with no monetary penalties have been issued for three other-than-serious safety violations. Quail International processes and distributes quail meat.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22692

24. *July 14, Food Safety News* – (New York) **Oyster Bay shellfish harvest suspended after 8 fall ill.** Shellfish harvesting in the area of Oyster Bay, New York, was suspended after eight people who ate shellfish were sickened with *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* infections. Approximately 1,980 acres on the north shore of Oyster Bay were closed until environmental samples reveal the danger of *Vibrio* contamination has passed, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation announced July 13. The New York State Department of Health reported three residents of Nassau County — where Oyster Bay is located — and five people from three other States became ill after eating raw or partially cooked shellfish from Oyster Bay Harbor. Laboratory analysis confirmed the infections were caused by the *Vibrio* bacteria, a naturally occurring organism that thrives in warm marine water environments.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/07/oyster-bay-shellfish-harvest-suspended-after-8-fall-ill/>
25. *July 14, Food Safety News* – (Minnesota) **Salmonella outbreak linked to Minnesota Denny's.** Three people were hospitalized with *Salmonella* Montevideo infections after eating at Denny's in Rochester, Minnesota, Food Safety News reported July 14. One more case has not been confirmed but is thought to be part of the outbreak. The three patrons became ill between July 2 and July 7 after eating at the same Rochester Denny's between June 27 and July 5. Officials at Olmsted County Health Services are looking into how the bacteria might have entered the restaurant, and they suspect that it was being carried by a customer or employee.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/07/salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-minnesota-dennys/>
26. *July 13, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Indiana firm recalls corn chowder soup products that may contain foreign materials.** Morgan Foods, Inc. of Austin, Indiana, recalled approximately 94,850 pounds of corn chowder soup products that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced July 13. The products subject to recall are: Hill Country Fare Chunky Chicken Corn Chowder, Wegman's Chunky Chicken Corn Chowder, Chef's Cupboard Chunky Chicken Corn Chowder, and America's Choice Chicken Corn Chowder Chunky. The Hill Country Fare Chunky Chicken Corn Chowder product was shipped to retail stores

in Texas. The Wegman's Chunky Chicken Corn Chowder product was distributed to retail stores in New York. The Chef's Cupboard Chunky Chicken Corn Chowder product was distributed to retail stores in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. The America's Choice Chicken Corn Chowder Chunky product was distributed to retail stores in Connecticut, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The problem was discovered when the company received two consumer complaints about finding pieces of a marker pen in the product.

Source:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_043_2012_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

27. *July 16, Erie Times-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Erie Water Works lifts boil-water advisory.** A boil-water advisory for Erie, Millcreek, and Fairview, Pennsylvania, was lifted July 15 when bacteriological tests showed no contamination of the public water supply. Water samples tested July 14 were also free of contamination, the Erie Water Works chief executive said. The advisory was issued by Erie Water Works officials July 13 after a water main break on Pittsburgh Avenue. The temporary drop in pressure put the public water supply in Erie and in neighboring Millcreek and Fairview townships at risk of contamination.
Source: <http://www.goerie.com/article/20120716/NEWS02/307159895/Erie-Water-Works-lifts-boil-water-advisory>
28. *July 15, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Euclid Avenue is site of two more Bay City water main breaks.** Part of Euclid Avenue in Bay City, Michigan, was shut down July 15 due to water main breaks caused by recent hot weather. The Bay City Water Distribution Department was trying to pinpoint the problem in the intersection of Euclid and Midland. A utility official said "It's just hot, dry, pumpage is up, more people," adding, "Mostly it's 'cause it's an old system, stuff's breaking down." Over the week of July 9, the heat was blamed for 25 water main breaks in less than 3 weeks, including 1 on Euclid July 9, and another nearby at Euclid's parallel one-way, Thomas, July 11.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2012/07/euclid_avenue_is_site_of_two_m.html
29. *July 14, Washington Missourian* – (Missouri) **Settlement reached in New Haven chemical spill.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources filed a lawsuit July 6 seeking roughly \$27,000 in damages from Kellwood and a ruling making the company responsible for all future cleanup costs, the Washington Missourian reported July 14. Kellwood formerly operated a camping equipment manufacturer in New Haven linked to contaminated soil and groundwater through a hazardous chemical spill. The company reached a

settlement July 10, according to a release from the EPA. A New Haven city administrator said the settlement includes a statement of work that outlines what Kellwood is expected to do. The company operated a metal fabrication plant from 1973-1985. After the plant closed, former employees admitted to dumping tetrachloroethylene, or PCE. The chemical leaked into the soil and groundwater, contaminating several wells, including two now-sealed public drinking water wells. The area was declared a federal superfund site in 2000 and divided into six operable units. Kellwood was made responsible for operable units 2 and 6. Officials said the settlement also requires Kellwood to continue providing whole-house filtration systems for residents who get their water from contaminated private wells.

Source: http://www.emissourian.com/news/top_stories/article_4a998ebe-5756-5a81-a6c1-c429dfdf7c1e.html

30. *July 14, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Estimated 20,000 gallons of wastewater spilled in Pueblo.** An estimated 20,000 gallons of wastewater spilled July 13 in Pueblo, Colorado, according to the Pueblo City-County Health Department. It could travel into Runyon Lake and the Arkansas River. As a result, a health advisory was issued. The health department said the discharge could cause increased bacteria in the lower natural Historic Arkansas River Park area, Thomas Phelps Creek, Runyon Lake, and the Arkansas River. The department advised people to stay out of the waterways until testing confirmed they were safe.

Source:

http://www.kktv.com/news/11forhealth/headlines/Estimated_20000_Gallons_Of_Wastewater_Spilled_In_Pueblo_162420356.html

31. *July 13, Conroe Courier* – (Texas) **Conroe sewer line overflow spills 120,000 gallons.** For the second time in 2012, heavy rains inundated a Conroe, Texas sewer line under rehabilitation, causing 120,000 gallons of sewage to spill inside the boundaries of the Camp Strake Boy Scout Camp July 12. Five inches of rain caused the 54-inch sewer line to fail, filling the line to capacity, a city press release stated. In a second statement issued July 13, the city said there were no indications any drinking water sources were affected by the spill, including the city's water supply. Domestic sewage overflowed from a manhole near the creek. The overflow traveled into Grand Lake on the campground and eventually into the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. Crews from Conroe's Public Works Department monitored the flooding and the overflow for 7 hours until it returned to normal, the press release stated. Although the overflow is contained, persons using private drinking water supply wells located within a half-mile radius of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled to a rolling boil for at least 1 minute for all personal uses, the news release said.

Source: http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/courier/news/conroe-sewer-line-overflow-spills-gallows/article_1fccbb74-fb51-5d6b-aae8-63f5543d703b.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

32. *July 14, WSLs 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Staunton River Medical Center destroyed after fire.** The Staunton River Medical Center in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, was destroyed after a fire July 14. The Hurt Volunteer Fire Department was called to the medical hub, and when firefighters arrived they found smoke and flames coming through the roof at the back of the building. The fire chief said the building was made out of lightweight wood materials, allowing the fire to spread quickly and making it difficult to put out the flames. The building was completely destroyed. Both the fire chief and Hurt town mayor said it was a devastating loss for the community because the doctors' offices were the primary source of medical care for surrounding areas. The official cause of the fire was still under investigation but the fire chief said it looked like it may have been an electrical fire that started in the attic.

Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2012/jul/14/staunton-river-medical-center-fire-ar-2057385/>

33. *July 13, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **2 plead guilty in Miss. chemotherapy fraud case.** A cancer doctor and her former billing agent pleaded guilty July 13 for their parts in a multimillion-dollar health care fraud case in which prosecutors said old needles were reused, chemotherapy drugs were diluted, and public and private insurance was over-billed millions. The founder of the Rose Cancer Center in Summit, Mississippi, pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of health care fraud and two counts of making false statements. The bills to Medicaid and Medicare alone were for about \$15.1 million. The assistant U.S. attorney said the doctor billed for more drugs than she had bought from suppliers. One of her patients told the Associated Press he contracted two bacterial infections from the clinic and now has regular tests for HIV and hepatitis. The Mississippi Health Department closed the clinic in July 2011 because of "unsafe infection control practices" after 11 patients were hospitalized with the same bacterial infection. The scare led officials to test nearly 300 cancer patients for infections such as HIV. The department has said none of the patients tested had blood-borne viral infections related to the clinic's care. However, a civil lawsuit claims at least one patient died about the time the clinic was shut down from HIV he contracted there. The doctor's lawyer told the court his client admits to billing for treatments that happened when she was out of the country but denied diluting drugs.

Source: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/615/2874857/2-plead-guilty-in-Miss-chemotherapy-fraud-case>

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *July 15, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Hazmat situation at Boston College chemistry lab over after fire department finds no danger.** Boston firefighters and a HAZMAT team spent more than 2 hours testing the air at a Boston College chemistry

building July 15 after a strange odor was reported, fire officials said. Students noticed a strange smell after entering a third-floor lab of the chemistry building in the evening and called police. Fire officials declared the incident a level-three HAZMAT response, said a fire department spokesman. However, after three different HAZMAT team entries, all tests came back negative for anything hazardous. Crews cleared out after about 2-3 hours, and the building was turned back to the college.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2012/07/15/hazmat-situation-declared-boston-college-after-strange-odor-reported-chemistry-lab/NUIBN40ThFVIDXYqzisHjP/story.html>

35. *July 14, Associated Press* – (National) **Fed. panel supports Kan. biosecurity lab project.** A government-backed committee of the National Research Council issued a report July 13 saying the United States would have adequate biosecurity protections even if plans for a proposed \$1.14 billion lab in Kansas are scaled back. The study looks at three options for the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility to be built in Manhattan near the Kansas State University campus. The DHS asked the council to review the threats of foreign animal disease, the capabilities needed to address such threats, and analyze options for building the lab as proposed or scaling back the size and scope. The first option would be to continue designing and constructing the new lab in Kansas, which would give the United States a large-animal lab with Level 4 security to handle such deadly diseases as foot and mouth. However, the costs for the project have escalated. The second option would be to scale back the size of the project and disburse research of diseases across the country. A third option, which would leave current research at Plum Island, New York, and rely on foreign labs to conduct research and deter threats, was rejected by the committee.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iJjsRjLiMf_mPfjbGVFE-AAE1M2w?docId=6ce552a424324aa18b07da7d57723bcd

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *July 16, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Electrical fire prompts jail evacuation.** About 160 inmates were evacuated when an electrical fire broke out at a Tampa, Florida jail July 16. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said the fire started at the Falkenberg Road location. Deputies responding to a fire alarm found an electrical panel was engulfed in flames. They began using firefighting equipment to extinguish the fire before Hillsborough Fire Rescue crews arrived. The inmates were moved elsewhere in the jail. Authorities said the housing area in that building was expected to be closed for several days while engineers determine what caused the fire.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/breakingnews/2012/07/electrical-fire-prompts-jail-evacuation.html>

37. *July 15, Keene Sentinel* – (New Hampshire) **Man charged with stealing fire vehicle.** Keene, New Hampshire police arrested a man July 13 after he allegedly broke into the fire station and drove off with one of the department's vehicles. He was charged with felony burglary, conduct after an accident, driving while intoxicated, and driving without a license. The Keene police and fire departments were called out with an ambulance for a man who fell from a skateboard and was bleeding with facial injuries, the Keene police sergeant said. While officers were talking with the injured man, he told them he had taken a fire truck from the garage earlier in the night, the sergeant said. Officers searched the area and found the fire department's special operations utility vehicle parked on the street, he said. The man was taken to the Cheshire County jail and bail was set at \$10,000.
Source: http://www.sentinelsource.com/news/local_crime_reports/man-charged-with-stealing-fire-vehicle/article_168668e2-1832-5617-96b1-d110d0f5dc82.html
38. *July 15, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **3 facing charges related to stolen FBI guns.** Three men were charged with stealing or possessing guns and other equipment taken from an FBI agent's government car while it was parked in front of his house, the Associated Press reported July 15. Court records said one man broke into the car in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, June 6, took a submachine gun, an assault rifle, a shotgun, and other equipment and gave the loot to a second man. Authorities said he then spread the weapons out on his bed, took a cellphone photograph, and sent out sales pitches by text message. An alleged gang member is charged with buying two of the guns — an M16 assault rifle and a shotgun — for \$120 and an ounce of marijuana. The men were charged the week of July 9 in a four-count federal indictment.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/3-facing-charges-related-to-stolen-FBI-guns-3708360.php>
39. *July 13, WPDE 15 Florence; Associated Press* – (South Carolina; National) **Drug shortage hurts Horry County paramedics.** Emergency responders across the country and in Horry County, South Carolina, reported they are struggling to deal with a shortage of drug supplies created by manufacturing delays and industry changes, WPDE 15 Florence reported July 13. A study from Salem, Oregon, showed some paramedics were injecting expired medications, despite a risk they will not work as intended. Others were scrambling to train paramedics to use alternative medications. In some cases, ambulance crews have simply gone without drugs they cannot buy. One Central Oregon fire department reported using expired supplies of 11 medications at the peak of the crisis earlier in 2012. Another in Arizona went 3 weeks without any drugs to treat seizures. In Horry County, paramedics had to struggle with ordering different concentrations of medications to cope with the shortage of others. They also had to shuffle resources of drugs from ambulances in rural areas to more populated ones.
Source: <http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=776241#.UAQUHJFnWtQ>
40. *July 13, Brownsville Herald* – (Texas; International) **U.S., Mexico participate in binational HAZMAT training.** U.S. and Mexican federal, State, and local emergency management officials took part in a bi-national hazardous materials drill in Brownsville, Texas, the Brownsville Herald reported July 13. The goal of the exercise

was to practice emergency communications and sharing of critical information between Mexico and the United States. It involved a mock, toxic anhydrous ammonia cloud drifting over from the Mexican state of Matamoros. The chairman of the Cameron County Local Emergency Planning Committee said they chose the chemical because it is used and transported on a regular basis to be used as fertilizer for farms. He said the idea for the exercise was proposed by Mexico, which held similar chemical exercises in all 33 Mexican states July 13. Many U.S. border towns were asked to participate. In Brownsville, they set up an emergency operation center and provided support, the emergency committee chairman said. He noted the exercise formed part of the updating of the Matamoros-Brownsville Sister City Plan, a contingency plan mainly used in case of chemical emergencies. He said the plan was updated and is awaiting the mayor's signature for final authorization.

Source: <http://www.themonitor.com/news/exercise-62271-participate-management.html>

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Information Technology Sector

41. *July 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Trend Micro confirms Yahoo! Mail flaw possible cause of “Android botnet”**. Researchers from mobile security firm Lookout identified a security hole in the Yahoo! Mail application for Android, which they believed to be responsible for the so-called mobile spam botnet. July 16, Trend Micro experts confirmed the existence of the flaw. They could not precisely say if the vulnerability is in fact responsible for the spam sent out from mobile phones, but the fact that they independently appoint the same weakness as a possible cause makes this scenario more plausible. The weakness discovered by the researchers allows an attacker to steal a user's Yahoo! cookies. “This bug stems from the communication between Yahoo! mail server and Yahoo! Android mail client. By gaining this cookie, the attacker can use the compromised Yahoo! Mail account to send specially-crafted messages. The said bug also enables an attacker to gain access to user's inbox and messages,” a mobile threats analyst said. Currently, the fix for the issue is being coordinated with Yahoo! and the researchers promise a more technical analysis, but in the meantime, users must be extra cautious when receiving shady pharmacy advertisements that appear to be sent from Android devices via Yahoo! Mail.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Trend-Micro-Confirms-Yahoo-Mail-Flaw-Possible-Cause-of-Android-Botnet-281493.shtml>

42. *July 16, H Security* – (International) **NVIDIA hackers publish user data**. Late the week of July 9, NVIDIA confirmed the database for its forums Web site was broken into by unauthorized third parties, with data from more than 400,000 registered users affected. A hacker group calling itself “Team Apollo” has now claimed responsibility for the breach which caused NVIDIA to take the site down. As proof, they published email addresses and password hashes for about 800 users from the database on Pastebin, with more, apparently, to follow. If the data proves to be genuine, NVIDIA's statement that the password hashes were salted would be contradicted: the database excerpt includes the hash b018f55f348b0959333be092ba0b1f41 three times in the list,

the result of md5('nvidia123'). In addition, the hackers stated NVIDIA's online store was broken into, which NVIDIA did not mention to The H's associates at heise Security. The hacker group said the break-in occurred "a few weeks ago."

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/NVIDIA-hackers-publish-user-data-1643038.html>

43. *July 16, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Symantec claims to have fixed PC-crashing anti-virus update.** Symantec promised that it fixed a bug in an anti-virus update issued the week of July 9 that caused a number of Windows PCs to crash. The problem occurred July 13 when the company released updates for its widely used Symantec Endpoint Protection 12.1 and Norton anti-virus software for businesses. The updates caused a number of PCs running Microsoft Windows XP software to crash repeatedly, bringing up the "blue screen of death." Symantec has not said how many users were affected, though according to Reuters it afflicted at least 300 of the company's corporate customers.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2191762/symantec-claims-to-have-fixed-pccrashing-antivirus-update>
44. *July 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts find filter bypass vulnerabilities in Barracuda appliances.** Security researchers from Vulnerability Lab identified a serious security hole that could affect a number of companies that rely on Barracuda products. They discovered a high severity validation filter and exception handling bypass vulnerability in Barracuda's appliances. According to the experts, the input filter designed to block out persistent input attacks is flawed, exposing all security appliances. The vulnerable modules — Account MyResource Display and File Upload — persistently execute the saved URL path (which can be a malicious code). The researchers said the flaw can be fixed by parsing the second input request of the "file upload" function and the path URL request. To demonstrate their findings, the experts published a proof-of-concept video that shows how the input filter in Barracuda SSL VPN can be bypassed by a local attacker to execute code persistently. Barracuda Networks was notified of the issues sometime in May, but so far it is uncertain when a patch will be made available.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Find-Filter-Bypass-Vulnerabilities-in-Barracuda-Appliances-Video-281458.shtml>
45. *July 16, H Security* – (International) **Security hole in Amazon's Kindle Touch.** The Web browser built into Amazon's Kindle Touch eBook reader contains a serious security hole: when a user navigates to a specially crafted Web page, the Kindle will execute arbitrary shell commands as root. This allows attackers to access the eBook reader's underlying Linux system at the highest privilege level and potentially steal the access credentials for the Amazon account linked to the Kindle, or purchase books with the Kindle user's account. This security issue was publicly documented about 3 months ago but did not attract much attention. Recently, a browser-based jailbreak became available that allows users to install software, which was not authorized for the device by Amazon. The issue does not appear to affect any other Kindle models. Amazon's security department told heise Security that they are working on a patch.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Security-hole-in-Amazon-s-Kindle-Touch-1642718.html>

46. *July 15, NBC News* – (International) **Yahoo Voices password vulnerability fixed, company says.** Yahoo said it fixed the vulnerability that allowed 450,000 user email addresses and passwords to be stolen from its user-generated content service, Yahoo! Voices. Yahoo said the “compromised information was provided by writers who joined Associated Content prior to May 2010, when it was acquired by Yahoo!. (Associated Content is now the Yahoo! Contributor Network.) This compromised file was a standalone file that was not used to grant access to Yahoo! systems and services.” Source: <http://www.technology.msnbc.msn.com/technology/technology/yahoo-voices-password-vulnerability-fixed-company-says-883165>
47. *July 14, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Following developer site hack, NVIDIA shuts down online store.** Following a shutdown of its “NVIDIA Developer Zone” the week of July 9 after the online community for developers was hacked, graphics chip maker NVIDIA also shut down its online store located at store.nvidia.com July 13. The group of hackers behind the attack, going by the handle of “The Appollo Project,” made mention of the claimed compromise in its original post exhibiting its successful attack against the NVIDIA Developer Zone site. While the company shut down the online store, it did not acknowledge that a successful attack took place. But it appears to be reacting proactively based on hacker claims and successful attacks on other sites. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/following-developer-site-hack-nvida-shuts-down-online-store>
48. *July 13, CNET* – (International) **Intel OS X binary of latest multiplatform malware discovered.** The week of July 9, security company F-Secure uncovered a new Web-based malware attack that uses Java to identify and distribute platform-specific malware binaries to OS X, Windows, and Linux installations. In the company’s first findings, the malware being issued for OS X was a PowerPC binary, which prevented it from running on many Macs using Snow Leopard and Lion; however, new developments unveiled an x86 binary. This new variant of the malware is essentially the same as the previous findings, with the exception that it will run on Lion and Snow Leopard systems without the need for Rosetta. In the attack found the week of July 9, the downloaded binaries would need to continue downloading more components to work properly, but in the more recent findings these steps are packaged together, so once downloaded, the binary is able to immediately function as a backdoor. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57471882-83/intel-os-x-binary-of-latest-multiplatform-malware-discovered/
49. *July 13, ZDNet* – (International) **Apple iOS in-app purchases hacked; everything is free.** Russian developer ZonD80 figured out how to circumvent Apple’s iOS In-App Purchase program, allowing iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch users to acquire digital game items, upgrade to full versions of applications, and purchase additional content for free. The hack reportedly works on all Apple devices running anything from iOS 3.0 to iOS 6.0 (the In-App Purchase program requires iOS 3.0 or later). This circumvention technique relies on installing certificates for a fake in-app purchase server as well as a

custom DNS server. The latter's IP address is then mapped to the former, which in turn allows all "purchases" to go through. ZonD80 could easily be gathering users' iTunes log-in credentials (as well as unique device-identifying data) in a man-in-the-middle attack.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/apple-ios-in-app-purchases-hacked-everything-is-free-video-7000000877/>

50. *July 13, U.S. Industrial Control Systems Computer Emergency Response Team – (International) ICS-Alert-12-195-01—Tridium Niagara directory traversal and weak credential storage vulnerability.* Two independent security researchers notified the Industrial Control Systems Computer Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) of a directory traversal and weak credential storage vulnerability with proof-of-concept exploit code for Tridium Niagara AX Framework software. According to their research, the vulnerabilities are exploitable by downloading and decrypting the file containing the user credentials from the server. ICS-CERT is coordinating with the researchers and Tridium. Original attempts to coordinate vulnerability information were unsuccessful and ICS-CERT, in coordination with the researchers, was planning a release of the vulnerability data. However, recent communications from Tridium indicated they were working on a solution, resulting in the delayed release of this Alert so mitigations/patches could be prepared. July 12, a public report came out detailing the vulnerabilities and as a result, ICS-CERT shortened its release schedule and issued this Alert to warn of the unpatched vulnerabilities. Tridium released a security alert with instructions on how to implement interim mitigations. Tridium stated they are testing a software update that will resolve the vulnerabilities. ICS-CERT will issue an Advisory when the software update is available. According to the Tridium Web site, more than 300,000 instances of Niagara AX Framework are installed worldwide in applications that include energy management, building automation, telecommunications, security automation, machine to machine, lighting control, maintenance repair operations, service bureaus, and total facilities management.

Source: http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems/pdf/ICS-ALERT-12-195-01.pdf

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Communications Sector

51. *July 15, Bay City News Service – (California) Vandals cut wires on Twin Peaks, damage radio network.* Vandals attacked a city communications facility on Twin Peaks in San Francisco, cutting several wires, San Francisco police said July 15. It

appears that unknown suspects entered a city communications facility and cut several wires, but did not steal any wiring or other items, he said. The vandalism did not affect any essential services, but because it involved the city radio network, the FBI was notified.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Vandals-cut-wires-on-Twin-Peaks-damage-radio-3708988.php>

52. *July 13, KTVQ 2 Billings* – (Montana) **Lightning strike shuts down power to local TV and radio transmitters.** An apparent lightning strike cut power to multiple transmitter sights near Sacrifice Cliffs overlooking Billings, Montana, KTVQ 2 Billings reported July 13. Sparks from an electric transformer started a small grass fire that temporarily shut down power and transmission for local radio stations, KTVQ-Television and Kulr-8. Lockwood Fire and Yellowstone County sheriff's deputies assessed the damage to a power pole that snapped in half and was continuing to send sparks to the ground. Radio and TV tower lights were being powered with backup generators, but the stations remained off the air for some time.

Source: <http://www.ktvq.com/news/lightning-strike-shuts-down-power-to-local-tv-and-radio-transmitters/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *July 16, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Fire guts 16 apartment complex units in northwest Oklahoma City.** A fire gutted 16 units in a northwest Oklahoma City apartment complex July 15. The Oklahoma City Fire Department responded to the three-alarm fire. Oklahoma City deputy fire deputy chief said the fire was "suspicious" and caused about \$560,000 of damage. Thirteen families displaced by the fire received aid from the local chapter of the American Red Cross, said a spokeswoman. It took firefighters about 45 minutes to extinguish the fire. The fire burned the roof off the second floor of the building.

Source: <http://newsok.com/fire-guts-16-apartments-in-northwest-oklahoma-city/article/3692826>

54. *July 15, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Fire at Auburn storage facility ruled arson.** A fire July 11 that damaged or destroyed nearly 80 storage units in Auburn, Washington, was ruled arson, said the Valley Regional Fire Authority, the Tacoma News Tribune reported July 15. The four-alarm fire required approximately 70 firefighters from several agencies to extinguish the flames, which were contained to a single building at Auburn Way South Storage.

Source: <http://blog.thenewstribune.com/crime/2012/07/15/fire-at-auburn-storage-facility-ruled-arson/>

55. *July 15, WOI 5 Ames* – (Iowa) **Fire destroys apartments in Ames.** About 120 people have no home after a fire destroyed their apartment complex in Ames, Iowa, WOI 5

Ames reported July 15. Flames destroyed the entire roof of the building, and with the amount of water firefighters poured on the apartments, they said it is likely everything in the building is a complete loss. Fifty-seven units were affected. The Red Cross was called in to set up temporary shelters.

Source: <http://www.woi-tv.com/story/19029478/fire-destroys-apartments-in-ames>

56. *July 15, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Two people dead after shooting at Best Buy.** Two people were shot and killed July 14 at a Best Buy in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tulsa police and emergency medical services authority responded to multiple reports of shots being fired. Authorities said shots were fired from the parking lot, one bullet hit a customer in the parking lot and another bullet penetrated the glass and hit a customer inside the store. Police said surveillance video shows the shooter ambushed one victim in the parking lot and fired multiple rounds. At least five shots were reportedly fired off before the shooter left on foot. Police believe a small black car dropped the suspect off. The Best Buy store remained closed July 15.
Source: <http://www.ktul.com/story/19026145/tulsa-police-respond-to-shooting-at-best-buy>
57. *July 14, Winfield Daily Courier* – (Kansas) **Fallen tree near aquatic center sends 4 to hospital.** July 14, a tree on the northeast side of the Winfield Aquatic Center in Cowley County, Kansas, split, hit several tents with families underneath, and then fell onto the ground. At least half a dozen canopies were crushed, a witness said. A swim meet was immediately stopped. Five people received medical attention at the scene. Two others were transported to hospitals. Although several people needed to be transported to Wichita hospitals, air ambulances could not be used due to high winds.
Source: <http://www.winfieldcourier.com/articles/2012/07/14/news/news/doc5000e41b92b60720229236.txt>
58. *July 14, Muskogee Phoenix* – (Oklahoma) **Golf course loses lawn gear in fire.** A fire July 11 in the main maintenance building at Boiling Springs Golf Course in Woodward, Oklahoma, killed two dogs and damaged all the lawn equipment. The building housed all of the golf course's lawnmowers, yard equipment, and lots of flammable liquids and chemicals, the assistant fire chief said. The 4,500 square-foot building was 50 percent involved when firefighters arrived, he said. The crews, 22 firefighters in all, brought 2 command vehicles, 5 water tankers, 4 brush pumpers, and 1 support unit, he said. Firefighters from four agencies responded. One firefighter was hurt and was treated at a hospital.
Source: <http://muskogee phoenix.com/statenews/x471598822/Golf-course-loses-lawn-gear-in-fire>
59. *July 14, WCBS 7 New York; Associated Press* – (New York) **Fire at South Street Seaport brought under control, no injuries reported.** Fire officials said a fire at New York City's crowded South Street Seaport shopping spot July 14 was put out. The battalion chief said flames enveloped a 100-foot stretch of Pier 17, which was teeming with several hundred people. Firefighters used chain saws to remove planks of old timber to get to the flames. Fire marine units on the East River also doused the fire

from the water. About 140 firefighters responded. The U.S. Coast Guard also responded.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/07/14/fire-at-south-street-seaport-brought-under-control-no-injuries-reported/>

60. *July 13, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Police find 8 homemade bombs in motel room.** Police arrested a man after finding homemade explosives in his hotel room in Foxboro, Massachusetts, July 13. It happened at the America's Best Value Inn. Police said they were investigating the suspect for a series of home break-ins when they discovered the explosives. They had a warrant for the man and took him into custody based on that investigation. Their source of the motel room turned up eight homemade explosives. Local police said the explosives appeared to be similar to fireworks. Local police then called the fire department and the State Police bomb squad. Approximately 20 people in the motel had to be evacuated. The bomb squad dismantled the explosives. Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/south/12007992735055/police-find-8-homemade-bombs-in-motel-room/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

61. *July 15, Redding Record-Searchlight* – (California) **Trinity County fire grows to more than 1,700 acres.** Trinity County, California's Flat Fire grew over the weekend of July 14 to more than 1,700 acres. A spokeswoman for the Forest Service said the blaze was 1,712 acres as of July 15, but firefighters also had begun back-burning in areas to control the fire that started July 11. The Flat Fire was one of a handful of recent massive wildfires in the area in July, including the Dale Fire in Redding — which scorched about 1,200 acres — and a 60-acre vegetation fire that also erupted in the city July 15. Further south in Colusa County, the Mill Fire continued to char more than 29,272 acres as of July 15. That fire was considered 70 percent contained, and five outbuildings had been destroyed. Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2012/jul/15/firegrowstonearly1600acres/>
62. *July 14, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Fire now State's largest in a century.** A wildfire in southeastern Oregon has become the State's largest fire in more than a century, charring more than 800 square miles, or 515,000 acres, of a sparsely populated region, the Associated Press reported July 15. It was one of two large fires burning near Oregon's borders with Nevada and Idaho. Another threatened a handful of homes near Harney Lake, prompting authorities to recommend evacuations. The fire has charred rangeland structures such as fences and telephone poles, but there are very few homes in the area. The fire is about 50 percent contained, but crews were concerned about forecasts showing so-called dry lighting, which strikes without rain. The American Red Cross set up an evacuation shelter at a motel in Burns, about 60 miles north of Frenchglen.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/28383161-41/fire-oregon-blaze-acres-frenchglen.html.csp>

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Dams Sector

63. *July 16, Australian Broadcasting Corporation* – (International) **Residents to return as dam leak threat abates.** Residents of Huonville, south of Hobart, in Tasmania, Australia, returned to their homes July 16 after authorities secured a dam wall that was threatening to burst. About 100 homes were evacuated after a leak was found in a large private dam. An excavator was used to dig a trench to release some of the dam's water and ease pressure on the damaged wall. The farm dam is about 1 hectare in size and holds enough water to fill about eight Olympic-sized swimming pools. The Huon Valley Council general manager said some residents already registered at an evacuation center.

Source: <http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/latest/14245616/residents-to-return-as-dam-leak-threat-abates/>

64. *July 14, RIA Novosti* – (International) **Damaged dam threatens new flood peril says ecologist.** The ecological monitoring coordinator for Russia's Krymsk region, in which 171 people died the weekend of July 14 in floods, warned a dam in the area was damaged and in danger of bursting if heavy rains fall in the area again. "The reservoir is full to the brim as it was before, and there is no possibility of letting water out, so if there is more rain, there will be serious danger," the ecological monitoring coordinator of the North Caucasus region said, after he inspected the dam at the confluence of the Bakanka river and the Chubukovsky stream. No repair work was carried out on the dam, and workers only cleaned out the debris of trees and branches carried down to the dam by the previous flood, the ecologist claimed. The dam is only 4 meters wide at its narrowest point at the top, and the ecologist warned if the dam is washed away, the villages of Zhemchuzhny and Nizhnebakanskaya could be destroyed. More than 7,000 homes were flooded July 7 in 3 towns and many villages in Krasnodar Territory. Widespread damage occurred to the area's power, gas, water distribution, road, and rail systems.

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